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FOR DEP ASST SEC BOSWORTH FROM EB STAFF

FOLLOWING REPEAT CAIRO 6864 ACTION SECSTATE APR 23.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 6864

E.O. 11652: GSS

TAGS: ETRD CIEC EGEN

SUBJ: US VIEWS ON CIEC

REF: STATE 090658

1. IN MY MEETING WITH FAHMY TODAY, I EMPHASIZED TO HIM THE IMPORTANCE THAT THE ADMINISTRATION ATTACHES TO MAINTAINING A DYNAMIC, MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP AMONG DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. I INDICATED OUR VIEW THAT CIEC CAN MAKE MAJOR CONTRIBUTION BY EXPLORING NEW INITIATIVES AND GIVING NEW MOMENTUM TO WORK UNDERWAY ELSEWHERE. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE TEMPORARY NATURE AND RESTRICTED MEMBERSHIP, WE DO NOT VIEW IT AS AN EFFECTIVE FORUM FOR NEGOTIATING BINDING COMMITMENTS. SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF CIEC WILL NEVERTHELESS BE IMPORTANT TO ASSURE
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PROPER CLIMATE OF MUTIAL CONFIDENCE IN OVERALL NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE. THIS IS ESSENTIAL IF PUBLIC SUPPORT IS TO BE BUILT FOR CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTION TO DICCCULT ISSUE. NEW ADMINISTRATION IS CURRENTLY COMPLETING ITS ASSESSMENT OF US POLICY ON THE DIALOGUE AND WOULD LIKE TO SHARE ITS GENERAL CONCLUSIONS BEFORE RESUMPTION OF CIEC. I THEN GAVE FAHMY A "NON-PAPER" BASED ON PARA 4 REFTEL

AND INDICATED I WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS THE VARIOUS
POINTS MENTIONED THEREIN.

2. AT THIS POINT, FAHMY STOPPED ME TO SAY GOE ALSO ATTACHES
GREAT IMPORTANCE TO NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE. CIEC, HOWEVER,
WAS NOT A MATTER ON WHICH HE HAD SPENT MUCH TIME. HE
WOULD, OF COURSE, STUDY OUR "NON-PAPER" AND WOULD SEND IT
TO THE MFA DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. HE SUGGESTED
THAT WE DISCUSS THE DETAILS WITH THE LATTER. WE WILL
ARRANGE TO DO SO IN COMING WEEK. EILTS UNQUOTE VANCE

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